

THE NEWS FROM THE OLD NORTH STATE AND ITS CAPITAL

NEWS AND GOSSIP
FROM RALEIGH

Legislature Adopts the Franchise Amendment.

CAPTAIN DAY IS DILATORY

He Fails to Show Up and Sign an Agreement to Relinquish Conduct of State Prison—Greensboro Adopts Dispensary—Amendment to Constitution, Disfranchising Many Negroes Supported by a Majority.

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 17.—In accordance with the willingness of Captain W. H. Day, expressed before the Senate Judiciary Committee to leave his course in the penitentiary matter in the hands of a committee of several Senators, the necessary papers have been drawn. The agreement as drawn by the committee provides that Captain Day shall relinquish his conduct of the State prison on Monday, February 20th, reserving, of course, his privilege to test the validity of the law reorganizing the prison in the courts. The papers were placed in the hands of Senator Glenn to be signed by Captain Day, who, it was understood, would appear at the Senate chamber on yesterday morning for that purpose. He did not appear, however, until a messenger had been dispatched for him. He dropped in afterward, but the agreement to vacate has not yet been signed. When it will could not be learned last night, though any information is that Captain Day has not declined, finally, to sign it.

GREENSBORO ENDORSES DISPENSARY.

A special from Greensboro says: The primary asked for by Guilford's three representatives to determine the will of the white voters of Greensboro in regard to the dispensary passed off quietly yesterday. The vote stood 529 for and 3 against the dispensary. The very light vote is the result of an exceedingly bad day, and the fact that the anti-dispensary people were instructed not to vote.

LEGISLATIVE NOTES.

The revenue bill introduced in the Legislature to-day fixed the rate of tax at forty-three cents on property and \$1.25 on the poll; there being no change in the pension and school taxes. The merchants' purchase tax is made a license tax, graduated on investment of \$500 and under, \$1, and so on upward. The insurance tax remains two per cent, besides the license tax; railroads are taxed ad valorem, and also on income tax starting with 1/4 of 1 per cent, on gross earnings of \$2,000 a mile and so on upwards; the whiskey tax is unchanged; the license tax on lawyers and doctors remains \$5; the tax on hotels charging \$2 a day or more is fixed at fifty cents on each room, and those charging under \$2 are taxed twenty-five cents on each room.

THE EVENT TO-DAY.

The event of absorbing interest in the Legislature to-day was the discussion of the amendment to the Constitution, which is intended to disfranchise a large part of the negro vote, but to disfranchise no white men. Galleries and lobbies were packed. Rountree, Democrat, opened the debate, speaking for the bill, and saying it was constitutional and that Massachusetts had an almost exactly similar law, which the courts had decided constitutional. Three negroes, Smith, of Craven; Eaton, of Vance, and Wright, of Warren, spoke against the amendment, as did also Hampton and Williams, of Yadkin, white Republicans.

Hampton said the \$3,000 negroes would be disfranchised. Eaton made the strongest argument for his side, by saying that the bill would not disfranchise few young negroes, who are the ones really disliked by the whites, but would disfranchise the old negroes, who in peace and war had been so faithful to the whites.

Winston, of Bertie, Democrat, in closing the debate, made an impassioned speech, saying that in years to come North Carolinians would be proud that they were descendants of the men who in this Legislature had dared to vote for this bill. The vote on the bill on the second reading was: Ayes, 79; noes, 29.

THE BILL ADOPTED.

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son, and Tarkenton, voted with the Democrats for it.

On the third reading the vote was: Ayes, 81; noes, 27. There were several great demonstrations of Democratic enthusiasm during the debate and the voting.

NEW BERN.

THE WEATHER IMPROVING—THE COLD SNAP.

New Bern, Feb. 17.—With the mercury at about 53 we are passing through a different strata of weather than when I wrote you last. Last night a heavy rain set in, with the wind from the southeast. The heavy snow which had been on the ground since last Saturday is fast melting away, and what was considered a "black eye" to New Bern's winter fair now seems to be no obstacle in the way of a most successful exhibit. The managers of the Fair Association are putting the grounds in first-class condition, and with good weather from now on we expect to make this, the twelfth annual fair, one of the grandest yet held.

The cold snap which we have just passed through was one of the most severe we ever experienced in this city and section. The Neuse and Trent rivers were frozen over, the ice forming from half to two inches thick. The ebb and flow of the tide in Neuse river caused the ice to commence to break up on Monday. The new bridge which has recently been built across Neuse river, at a point where the river is about one and a half miles wide, checked the floating ice, which formed a dam almost the entire length of the bridge. It was estimated that the ice pack in some places was eight to fifteen feet thick. There was a perfect field of ice over a mile wide and ten miles in length. The wind was blowing a gale and the shingling of one piece over another formed hundreds of icebergs in the vicinity of the bridge, which presented the grandest phenomenon ever witnessed by our oldest inhabitants. The ice was thrown up in every conceivable shape and in sheets. It was estimated, in weight from one to one thousand pounds, the heaps ranging in some places to the height of five or six feet above the level of the water. It was feared by some that the weight of the ice against the bridge would cause it to break and be carried away, but with a strong east wind to-day it is considered that there is no danger.

EDENTON.

Edenton, N. C., Feb. 17.—Those of our fishermen who had driven their net stakes have got the blues, the ice having swept away the most of them.

A number of stores that have flat roofs were in a very undesirable condition yesterday, the melting snow pouring through in a damaging manner. Messrs. A. J. Brown and W. F. Pritchard, of Elizabeth City, are in town this morning.

After being kept in the harbor since Monday by the ice the boats are now making their regular trips.

There is a probability that our town will soon adopt the Carolina Light Company's system of lights.

Mrs. Robert Temple is visiting relatives here.

ELIZABETH CITY

Echoes From the Banks of the Pasquotank.

Notes Personal and General—Last Practice Drill of the Naval Reserves—The City is Herself Again—The New Bern Lands.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.

Elizabeth City, N. C., Feb. 17.—Mrs. Annie Morriss, of Norfolk, aunt of Miss Clara Cartright, who died recently, returned to her home to-day, after witnessing the death.

Mr. Isaac Meekins, of Palmyra, N. C., is in our city exchanging hand shakes with his numerous friends.

Messrs. W. T. Olds, Cam Melick and James Hill have been selected as marshals for the New Bern Fair.

Monday night will be the last night the Naval Reserves will have a practice drill before leaving for the New Bern Fair. The public is invited to attend.

THE NEW BERN LANDS.

The New Bern managed to force her way through the ice and arrive yesterday. Hundreds of spectators thronged the wharf to see her go backward and forward until she landed.

Mr. Louis Selig will return to-day to the city.

All of the people who have been confined in the pest house have been pronounced well and released.

"The Sidetracked" Company arrived to-day.

HERSELF AGAIN.

Elizabeth City begins to look like herself once more. The mills have all resumed operations. The snow is almost gone and our streets are in much better condition than was anticipated.

The carrier has been very lenient with quite a number of his subscribers during the bad weather, and now he wishes those who are in arrears from two to five weeks to settle promptly.

Mr. Jake Bank and wife, of Newport News, Va., are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Applebaum, on Water street.

Mr. Robert Bailey, of Middletown, Conn., is in the city.

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